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Military Information from Brandenburg

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Prior to 16 April 1953, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg was still occupied to capacity. During the last days, troops were increasingly engaged in maintenance duty. There was intensive training activity. Between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on 13 April, 122 officers and 1,012 EM passed in review before a general in the barracks yard. During the morning, groups totalling 12 officers and 110 EM with rifles and practice targets left the installation toward Walzwerk.

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2. Troops loaded at the Brandenburg railroad station included: AT units from the Flak Kaserne on 14 and 15 April; and the mortar unit from the Artillerie Kaserne on 16 April.

3. On 14 and 15 April, the AT units from the Flak Kaserne were entrained and sent for Altengradow. AT guns observed included about 16 x 100-mm, 8 x 76.2-mm and 4 x 57-mm.

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4. On 16 April, the mortar unit from the Infanterie Kaserne was extrained. Except for a rear detail, the installation was vacant. Equipment observed included 34 x 120-mm mortars [redacted]

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The officers' billets at Fouquet Strasse previously occupied by officers of the mortar unit were vacant. On the morning of 15 April, a troop train with an element of the mortar unit was still standing at the Brandenburg railroad station.

5. The following troops were loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station:

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From the Flak Kaserne. On 14 and 15 April, on three trains 77 trucks,

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12 half-track vehicles; 10 x 100-mm AT guns; 20 x 76.2-mm AT guns; about 300 troops; and ammunition and billeting equipment on 30 boxcars. The trains went to Altonaerbow. Only a rear detail was left behind at the Flak Kaserne.

From the Pioneer Kaserne. On 16 April, 40 T-34 tanks [redacted] 50 trucks; 2 or 3 tank trucks; about 280 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and ammunition and billeting equipment on 12 boxcars. The troops were loaded on three trains which went to Hillersleben.

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From the Infanterie Kaserne. On 16 and 17 April, on three troop trains 122 trucks [redacted]

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20 AA guns probably of 37-mm; 10 mortars probably of 120-mm; 1 rocket launcher [redacted] about 500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets; and ammunition and billeting equipment on 27 boxcars.

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6. Troop shipments loaded at the Brandenburg railroad station went to the following receiving stations:

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To Altonaerbow. At noon on 15 April, a troop train [redacted] 16 boxcars with military personnel and equipment, and 26 flatcars with trucks and artillery pieces.

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At 4:30 p.m., a troop train of 11 boxcars with about 250 soldiers and equipment, and 32 flatcars carrying 13 trucks [redacted]

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6 tractors [redacted] and 6 x 100-mm AT guns.

At 7 p.m., a troop train [redacted] of 15 boxcars with about 300 soldiers and equipment, and 32 flatcars carrying 16 trucks, 1 sedan; 2 tractors; and 4 x 100-mm AT guns.

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To Hillersleben. At 8:30 p.m. on 15 April, a troop train [redacted] of 6 boxcars with about 250 soldiers and equipment,

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and 15 flatcars with 20 T-34/85 tanks
and 10 trucks

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At 1:30 a.m. on 16 April, a troop train of
boxcars with ammunition and equipment, and an undetermined number of
flatcars with 24 T-34/85 tanks and 12 trucks;

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At 7:40 a.m., a troop train of 17 boxcars
with about 200 soldiers, ammunition and equipment, and 39 flatcars
carrying trucks 3 tank trucks, armored scout cars
and armored personnel carriers

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At 1:50 p.m., a troop train of 18 boxcars
with about 200 soldiers and equipment, and 43 flatcars with trucks.

To Wolmirstedt. At midnight on 16 April, a troop train
of 18 boxcars with about 250 soldiers, ammunition and equipment,
and 31 flatcars with 35 trucks
rocket launcher of the R-13 model; and 24 x 160-mm mortars.

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At midnight on 17 April, a troop train of 16
boxcars with about 300 soldiers, ammunition and equipment, and 30
flatcars carrying 32 trucks

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1 sedan; 3
field kitchens; 4 trailers; 12 x 160-mm mortars; and 6 x 120-mm mortars.

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On 17 April, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was still occupied by
about 2,500 troops.¹ The Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 250 troops,
and the Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 300 soldiers.²

1. Comment. Prior to 17 April, the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig was
still at the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne.

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2. Comment. The entraining of troops is commented on as follows:

Flak Kaserne. On 14 and 15 April 1953, the 20th Army AT Arty Brig
except for a rear detail, moved to Altengrabow on seven troop trains.

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Infanterie Kaserne. On 16 and 17 April 1953, components of the 10th
Gds Tank Div moved to Wolmirstedt on two troop trains which,

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The present report indicates that these components probably are
the 299th Gds Mort Regt and 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div,
which explains various reports in the winter of 1952
that mortars, 37-mm AA guns of this division were
observed at the Infanterie Kaserne. Thus, it is believed that, probably
after completion of the summer training, the above regiments had been

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transferred to Brandenburg in 1952. The different gun calibers probably result from the fact that 120-mm and 160-mm mortars are available in the mortar regiment.

Pionier Kasernen. On 15 and 16 April 1953, the 63rd Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div moved to Hillersleben on four troop trains.

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